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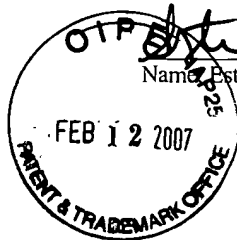
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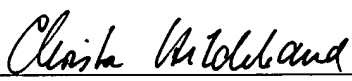
Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant amendment dated January 23, 2007, applicant resubmits the response to Office Action of July 31, 2006, including the Claims as filed on January 2, 2007 with corrections concerning claims 19-21 which are now not underlined. No new matter was added. Please enter the remaining documents as filed in the

Reply of January 2, 2007, such as the Substitute Specification, Clean Copy and Marked-up Copy.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JULY 31, 2006

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.